

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL
COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form
Number

71-0-19A-0

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Town/City: Hanson

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



Address: 238 Maquan Street

Historic Name: Richard and Mercy Everson
House

Uses: Present: Single-Family
Residence
Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: Prior to 1827

Source: White's History, Plan 7 No. 11 Page
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Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Unknown/Josselyn family

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Clapboard/ Vinyl, Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

One-story gable-end second home to the west of
the main house and flagpole next to house.

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Additions to
south and southwest of house, dormers, entry
porch, bay windows, vinyl siding and windows, and
open wood decks.

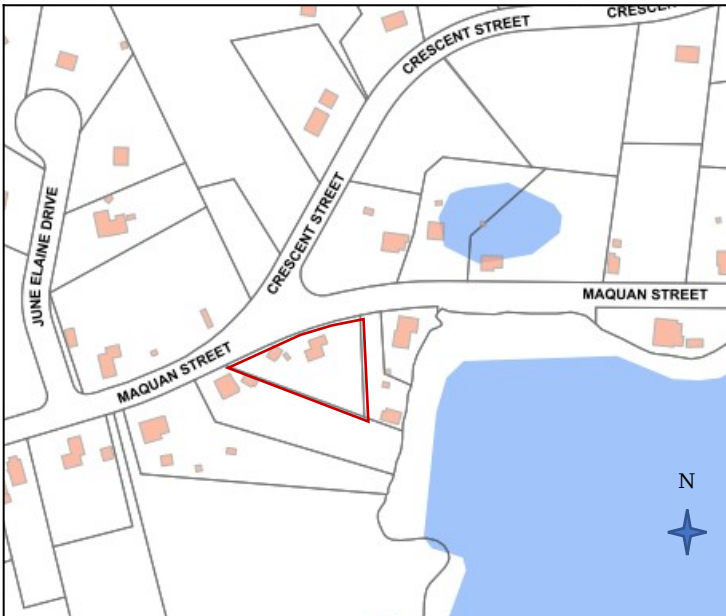
Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .56 Acres

Setting: Located in a residential section of
Hanson primarily characterized by single family
homes to the east of town center and commercial
district on the northern shore of Maquan pond.

Locus Map



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Organization: Hanson Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): June 2018

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story structure has a tall, narrow, asphalt shingled gambrel roof over an equally narrow rectangular original footprint. A one-and-a-half story addition with a shallow gable roof extends from the southwest corner of the south façade while a second, one-story, shed roofed addition is located in the southeast corner of the south façade. A third, hip-roofed addition is located on the west façade of the southwest addition. The gambrel roof ends flush with both the gable and gable-end facades, with a narrow band of vinyl clad trim separating the asphalt shingles and vinyl clapboards. Both the gable and hip roofed roofs extend out beyond the facades of their respective addition with wide, projecting vinyl clad eaves. A tall, narrow corbeled brick chimney is located at the center of the gambrel roof's ridge and a second chimney is located behind the original building at the peak of the later addition. The house is vinyl clapboard sided and any original trim has been removed or covered over with vinyl trim. The double hung windows have also been replaced with two-over-two vinyl windows.

The house faces north towards the street and has a symmetrical if heavily altered front façade. Three shallow shed-roofed dormers line the lower slope of the gambrel roof. Each has vinyl clapboards below the double hung windows at the center of their north facades, and vinyl cladding surrounding their side walls. Below the center dormer, a gable-end entrance porch surrounds the front door. The entrance porch is unpainted wood with a band of trim around the eaves and cornice surrounding a recessed panel in the center of the pediment. Unpainted wood posts support the roof and the metal replacement door at the rear of the opening has a fan style window at its top edge. The porch has a wood deck with stairs leading through the yard to an opening in the hedge at the street. To either side of the entrance are three-part bay windows that are not quite centered on the dormers above. Both dormers have large, asphalt shingled hip roofs with narrow brackets supporting them from below. A large, nearly square picture window is at the center of both bays and is flanked by casement windows.

On the east façade, the gambrel-end has a double hung window at the center of each floor. The one-story shed roofed addition is flush with the east façade of the gambrel and has a wide band of vinyl trim at the eaves. The roof overlaps the lower edge of the gambrel on the south façade and the east façade of the building has a side entrance with a metal half door that has a nine-pane window over panels below leading to an oversized wood landing and stairs. The landing has wood railing with square posts and balusters and leads into the side yard. A two-part casement window is located to the left of the door. The west façade also has a window on each floor, although the second floor window is located to the right of center. A second double hung window is located to its right in the gable-roofed addition to the south façade. Below, the tall hip roofed addition covers the rest of the west façade of the gable roofed addition. A metal replacement door with a large, arched, divided light window in its upper half is located on the north facade below a metal awning. The door opens onto a wood deck with wood railings and fan-style balusters across its northern edge. To the west, the porch extends into a ramp to the asphalt paved driveway. Two double hung windows are located on the west façade of the addition.

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At the far side of the driveway in the northwestern corner of the site is a second house. The small, square building has a cement block foundation and a long, shallow gable-end roof that projects out over the vinyl clapboard siding of the facades in wide vinyl clad eaves. A second, smaller gable-end roofed addition is located on its southwest gable-end. The house sits at an angle to the adjacent home, with its front right corner pointing north towards the street. A solid door is located to the right of center on the northwest gable-end façade behind an unpainted wood deck and railing with square posts and balusters. The stairs run along the façade to the southeast and a small awning window is located in the left corner. Three double hung windows are located on the northwest gable façade and an unpainted wood deck runs along the northwest gable-end and around the south corner of the building. A small prefabricated gable-end roofed shed is located at the south end of the driveway between the two buildings.

The site slopes down to the east and south and has a row of hedges across the north façade in front of the main house. A wide driveway runs from the street to the southwest corner of the house and a second, narrower driveway runs along the western property line behind the second house. A small section of chain link fence is located to the east and south of the house and the southern end of the property is also surrounded by tall, mature trees.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to White's *History of Hanson*, this house was the home of Richard Everson, grandfather of Richard A. ("R.A.") Everson(1850-1935), the son of Barnabas and Deborah Everson.¹ R.A. Everson lived in South Hanson during White's time and died in 1868 shortly after celebrating this fiftieth wedding anniversary in the house where he had lived his whole marriage. White believed that the previous owner had been a Josselyn and that that family had built the house. The 1830 Smith Plan shows the house as located on the south side of Maquan Street, just north of Maquan Pond, as belonging to R. Everson, as does the 1856 Walling Map. In 1827, Richard Everson purchased a parcel of land on the south side of Maquan Street, including its buildings and fences, from Thomas Gurney, Jr.² There is no record of Gurney having purchased the site from a Josselyn, but several members of the family did live in the immediate area at that time and worked as house wrights, so it is very possible that they had been involved in the house's original construction. Richard Everson (1791-1868) was born in Pembroke to Levi and Eunice Briggs Everson and married Mercy Monroe (1794-1880), daughter of Henry and Mary Monroe of Pembroke, in 1813. As noted above, the couple appear to have moved to Hanson by 1827, where they raised eight children including two sons and six daughters. Richard was a farmer and is listed as such in the state and federal census records through 1865. After Richard's death in 1868, Mercy Everson continued to live in the house, as illustrated by the record of "Mrs. Everson" living in the house on the 1879 Walker Atlas.

Following Mercy Everson's death in 1880, the use and ownership of the house is unclear. It is likely that the property passed to her son, Barnabus Everson, at this time. After Barnabus' death, the house passed to his son, Richard Everson, in 1897. By the 1903 Richards Atlas, the resident of the house is listed as a Mrs. M. Bourne. This may have been Richard Everson's niece, Marcia Bourne, daughter of Clarissa Everson and Oliver Bourne. Marcia never married and lived for most of her life in the house to the west of the Everson's home or it may have been another family who rented the house at that time. Although its ownership between 1897 and 1904 is unclear, the property was purchased by Sophia and Gustave Kuntze in 1904.³ Gustave Kuntze(1848-1914) was a farmer who had immigrated from Germany in 1872, with Sophia following in 1874. As of the 1910 U.S. Census, the couple were living on the farm with their grand-nephew Gerhard Baresel, who had immigrated from

¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/117185214/richard-abbott-everson>

² Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 157, Page 253

³ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 890, Page 114

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Germany in 1906. Baresel continued to work the farm for Sophia after Gustave's death and is listed as her foster son in the 1920 U.S. Census. In 1919, Gerhard married Bertha Helen Hefler in Brockton and the couple lived on the farm with Sophia through the 1940s, eventually converting it to a poultry farm. Sophia transferred the property to Gerhard in 1940.⁴ It was later passed down to his sons, Robert and Karl Baresel, in 1961 and later to his grandson, Bruce Baresel, and his wife Rhonda in 1987.⁵ The property was finally sold out of the Baresel family in 1992 when Kevin and Lisa K. Cahill purchased it.⁶ The Cahills remained here until 2001 when they sold it to current owners Donald Humes and Darlene Macallister-Humes.

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⁴ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1791, Page 551

⁵ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 8246, Page 240

⁶ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 11338, Page 128

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